

**2002 – 2006 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
2003 AMENDMENT**

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**ISSUE:** The development of the 2003 – 2007 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) was postponed until MoDOT learned the outcome of the Proposition B funding issue on the statewide ballot this past August. Passage of this proposition would have increased the funding levels for the department and had an impact on the STIP, the department's five-year construction plan.

Over the past six months, MoDOT has looked at various funding distributions to determine the appropriate direction for transportation investments based on the public's priorities – safety, taking care of the existing system and keeping our transportation commitments. The recognition of Springfield as a transportation management area also impacts our current method of distributing funds.

With already limited funds and the failure of Proposition B, MoDOT must make some tough decisions about future transportation investments. Public input will play a vital role in the funding distribution decision, the project prioritization and the STIP development.

Due to the current schedules and contracting needs, the November 10, 2002, deadline for the Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight report, the change of Springfield's status as a TMA and the lack of a decision regarding funding distribution, there is not adequate time to develop a 2003 – 2007 STIP.

**RECOMMEND that the Commission:**

- Approve the 2003 amendment to the 2002 – 2006 STIP.

**DEPARTMENT VIEW:**

**(1) Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule:**

The commission has previously approved the 2002 - 2006 STIP. MoDOT requests the addition of 88 new construction projects. The new construction projects are listed in Attachment A including reasons for the additions. Twenty-one of the projects are safety projects, and 52 projects are rehabilitation and reconstruction. For safety and rehabilitation and reconstruction, a designated amount of funds has been set aside and approved to fund projects that meet the criteria. Generally, these projects are small in scope of work and in cost estimate.

There are eight enhancement projects which are projects that are over and above what is considered routine construction or maintenance. Funding for enhancement projects come from the Federal Transportation Enhancement Program, a program that offers extensive

opportunities to take unique and creative actions to integrate transportation into our communities and the natural environment.

There are seven system expansion or regional projects included in the amendment. Three of the projects are to be financed with funds from other sources. Three projects have become high priority and have been added to the amendment. Other projects have been delayed to compensate for the addition of the higher priority projects. The remaining two projects are very small demolition projects.

The following table indicates the total funds available and the current amount that has been programmed for 2003. The funds have been distributed to each district based on our funding categories. A balance has been reserved for unforeseen circumstances and various needs on the state highway system. Projects that are added to the STIP throughout the year will be financed with the funding not yet programmed. These projects are typically safety, rehabilitation and reconstruction or economic development projects that are added to respond to a quickly developing need.

	2003	
	Available	Programmed
Construction	\$847	\$859
Right of Way	\$45	\$66
PE, CE and Right of Way Incidentals	\$183	\$183
Funding From Other Sources	\$98	\$0
Total Program	\$1,173	\$1,108

(Dollars in millions)

**Source of Funding:**

Funds for these projects will be made available from existing right of way and construction funds.

**(2) Aviation:**

The commission has previously approved the 2002 - 2006 STIP, and on June 7, 2002, the commission approved the FY 2003 aviation program. At that time, state/local projects were identified at an 80 percent state/20 percent local funding ratio. Passage of House Bill 1196 in the 2002 legislative session allows for a 90 percent state/10 percent local match effective August 28, 2002. There is not an increase in the total project cost, only the amount of state participation.

MoDOT requests approval of the acceleration of three projects that were moved from 2004 to 2003, based on this funding change. The projects that are to be accelerated are located in Eldon, Portageville/New Madrid and St. Joseph. The aviation projects are listed in Attachment B.

**Source of Funding:**

Funds received from the Federal Airport Improvement Program have already been distributed to finance the aviation projects.

**(3) Forest Highway:**

The commission has previously approved the 2002 - 2006 STIP. MoDOT requests the addition of Forest Highway funds for one new project.

This project has two segments and goes by project number MO PFH 56-1 (1). It is estimated to be \$1,200,000 and is for the Mark Twain National Forest Park. The description of segment one is to repave Reynolds County Road 179-907 from State Highway 21/72 to Reynolds County Road 179-849, amounting to approximately 6.7 miles. Segment two is described as repaving Reynolds County Road 179-849 from Reynolds County Road 179-907 to State Highway TT, amounting to approximately 9.8 miles.

**Source of Funding:**

A coordinated federal lands program, administered by the FHWA, will provide Forest Highway funds.